

THE CURTIS & EDITH MUNSON FOUNDATION

2016-2017 GRANT GUIDELINES

GENERAL FOCUS (over 85 percent of the grant program)

- Conservation of natural resources in eastern North America and the Caribbean Basin, with an emphasis on the United States

MAJOR PROGRAM AREAS (in descending order of size)

- Marine resource conservation and management with priority given to fisheries
- South Florida Ecosystems (Everglades, Biscayne Bay, Florida Bay, and Florida Keys)
- Alabama environmental issues
- D.C. Metro area environmental issues*
- Population and environment initiatives*

(*limited to preselected organizations)

LIMITATIONS

- **Site specific grants are limited to South Florida and Alabama.** No grants to individuals or endowment funds. Most grants are restricted and require 1:1 match (following receipt of the grant) and confirmation that 100% of your organization's Board of Directors are also financial donors.
- **No unsolicited grant proposals.** Please send a 1-2 page letter of inquiry (in regular document, not pdf format) **BEFORE** sending any additional materials. The Foundation's grantmaking is very focused and we do not wish to waste your time, or ours, if the proposed project is not a priority for us.

SIZE OF GRANT PROGRAM

- Total funding available: approximately \$1,400,000 annually
- Grants generally range from \$10,000 to \$50,000: **Average grant size is \$15,000 to \$25,000**

APPLICATION INFORMATION

- Initial approach: **letter of inquiry (due by the 1st Friday in April or the 2nd Friday in September).** E-mail inquiries are encouraged at info@munsonfdn.org, but please **do not** send duplicate hard copy and **do not** waste money on overnight mail.
- Letters of inquiry should contain a brief description of the program/project; total budget; measurable results, and timeframe for achieving those results.
- **Copy of IRS 501(c)(3) letter and EIN number**

- **Information Requested Form** should be included with letters of inquiry. A Microsoft Word version is available on our website, www.munsonfdn.org/infoRequest.html
- Please send letters of inquiry and Information Requested Forms as **Word documents**
- Proposal deadlines (if a full proposal is needed—the inquiry may be enough): **May 14th and October 16th**
- Grant review meetings: mid-June and mid-November (approximate dates)
- Final notification will be received within three weeks following consideration

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED WITH FULL PROPOSALS (IF REQUESTED)

- 1-3 year detailed budget, most recent 990, and deeper response to any questions provided by staff
- Separate listing of “Information Requested by the Board of Directors” (if any update of information is needed)

STAFF

- Wolcott Henry, President
- Angel Braestrup, Executive Director
- Caroline Coogan, Program Associate

NOTE: Every inquiry will be given every possible consideration and don't be alarmed if an extended period of time goes by before learning of status of requests. Adequate time will be given for proposal requests. **To help us, please make sure you have a contact email address with your contact information.**